

## BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or	)	
	)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate	)	
	)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
of Clifford A. Brooks,	)	
	)	
Certificate 212354	)	

### SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on May 11, 2005. Clifford A. Brooks, educator certificate 212354, has agreed to the voluntary surrender of his educator certificate. Mr. Brooks acknowledges that he is waiving his right to a hearing before the State Board of Education concerning the possible revocation of his educator certificate. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Brooks' certificate.

Clifford A.  
Brooks  
212354

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Initials

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Date

### FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Brooks holds a valid educator's certificate with over two years of teaching experience. Mr. Brooks held a contract for the 2004-05 school year with Florence County School District Three (District) and was assigned to teach sixth grade at Ronald E. McNair Middle School. On April 15, 2005, the District placed Mr. Brooks on administrative leave, after allegations that he engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a seventh grade female student. The District subsequently terminated Mr. Brooks' employment.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004),

S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is substantial evidence to support its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Brooks' certificate 212354. At the end of three years from the date of this Order, Mr. Brooks may reapply for a teaching certificate by written request to the Office of Teacher Certification at the South Carolina Department of Education. If he chooses to reapply for certification, Mr. Brooks must pass a character and fitness review by the State Board and meet all current certification requirements.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Paul M. Forrester  
Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
May 11, 2005

I, Clifford A. Brooks, SC Educator Certificate 212354, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on May 11, 2005.

/S/ Clifford A. Brooks  
Clifford A. Brooks

4/21/05  
Date

Sworn to me before me this date 4/21/05  
My Commission expires 10/19/2011  
/s/ Gloria C. Tisdall  
Notary Public for State of South Carolina